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For: INSTALLATION FOR INCREASING A
SCANNING RANGE OF A SCANNER
ALONG AN AXIAL DIRECTION OF A
LIGHT SOURCE

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Dear Sir:

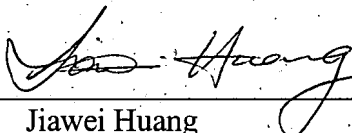
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The reference provided with a Chinese specification relates to an image reading structure. More particularly, the reference relates to a reflecting mirror used for brightness compensation of a light tube in an optical scanner. The reflecting mirror is coated with a thin film having a non-uniform thickness. The thickness of the thin film is determined by the axial brightness curve characteristics of a light projected from the light tube. More specifically, the thin film has a thickness gradually decreasing or increasing from its center part, so that the image signal reflected by the scanner can be compensated along the optical axis before entering the image reading device.

A substantially flat light source reflecting signal is thus obtained, so as to enhance the scanning quality of documents.

Respectfully submitted,
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